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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer in northern California who supports broadband competition. Having a competitive market keeps prices down for consumers and businesses. My household uses the internet (and VOIP phone service) for communication, work, and school. The county I live in is partially rural and it's important that people outside city boundaries have the same access as those in the suburbs. The internet is not a novelty - everyone needs access and that access has to be affordable.

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